

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322  
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 7, 2010

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at the Township Municipal Building Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Dave Fleetwood (Vice-Chairman), Chris Eckert (Supervisor), David Albright (Township Manager), Cathy Martinelli (Office Manager), and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Christopher McDermott.

**Executive Session.** None.

**Unit Care Agreement.** None.

**Parks.** Bernie was absent, therefore Dave Albright reported the following:

- Art Workshop 9/24 & 11/20
- CPR/First Aid Class 9/15/10
- Elk Bus Trip 10/9
- ZUMBA Class 10/1
- Jonas Creek Headwaters Walk w/Don Miller 10/24
- Trick or Treat @ the Park 10/31

Miscellaneous:

Basketball court water problem-Engineer McDermott working on a solution.

**Public Comment.**

**Western Pocono Community Library-Carol Kern.** Carol Kern was present to ask the Board to waive the fee's to build an addition to their existing shed. A brief discussion ensued and on motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to approve this request of approximately \$94.00 for the fee required by the Township and approximately \$1,000.00 for LVIS. (3-0)

**Resident Mr. Thody.** Wanted to congratulate the Board on the new colors painted in the meeting room. Also asked if the Board was aware of the City of Harrisburg financial problems and were we having any problems paying for our bonds? Atty. McDonald spoke to our bonds and how we are in the process of lowering our interest rate on our 2003 bonds. We have adopted a Parameters Ordinance which allowed our financial company PFM to watch the market (for a period not to exceed 6 months) and when they felt all the criteria had been met and the interest rates had dropped, they had the authority to take action on the lower interest rate. The Township has no problem paying the bonds.

### **Correspondence.**

MC Youth Field Day. A donation was requested to help sponsor this annual event. The Youth Field Day program is designed to provide an educational format for children 8 to 14. A day-long outdoor program has been developed for children to experience activities generally foreign to them. The Youth Field Day provides each child with hands-on instruction in the safe use of firearms, archery, fishing and boating. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to approve this donation request of \$1,000.00. (3-0)

### **Old Business.**

Outdoor wood burner ordinance – Tabled until further notice.

Reminder no Supervisor meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>. Bill paying will be held on 9/20/10 at 7:30am, no other business will come before the Board.

911 readdressing-Bill Chappell. A proposal from Bill Chappell of GIS Tech Solutions was received and reviewed. Bill was present at this meeting. The proposal includes the following:

- Work with Township on passing an addressing ordinance.
- Assist the township in getting cooperation from the PO to use Chestnuthill Twp
- Assist Township with addressing related issues and public questions
- Update the Township website to inform residents of the addressing project
- Print a letter explaining the process for residents that have questions
- Notify residents and take calls from the residents on the new addresses
- Pass address corrections to the Post Office for updates
- Maintain and update an on-line database application for use by the Twp and County
- Create and update a Map Book for use in identifying new addresses and roads
- Deliver database to township and the County for the 911 addressing project

The total estimated cost for these services is \$29,101.45, based on time and materials. A lengthy discussion ensued and on motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to use the balance of \$19,000 currently in the budget for this year and budget the remainder for next year. (3-0)

### **New Business.**

Authorization to bid for snow removal subcontractors. It is getting to the time of year where soon it will be snowing and we need to bid for snow subcontractors in addition to our road crew members to help plow the snow. On motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to authorize the bid for snow removal subcontractors. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to pay the General Fund Bills. (3-0) On motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to pay the State Fund Bills. (3-0)

Ordinance 2010-2 Official Map Amendment was recorded and delivered to the Township tonight by Atty. Joseph McDonald, Jr.

### **Plans.**

**Merwine, Connie** (Major Subdivision & Land Development Plan) Keystone Engineers. Eric Snyder of Keystone and Atty. Joe Hanyon were present on behalf of these plans. Engineer McDermott's comment letters both dated 9/3/10 were reviewed. A lengthy discussion ensued and 2 waivers were requested:

1. SALDO 98-64.c (3) Lot Line Drainage and Utility Easement Areas. This is being requested because the proposed primary and reserve septic locations for Lot 2 do not meet the minimum (10 foot) isolation distances from the proposed lot line drainage and utility easement areas. Engineer McDermott recommended the Board approve this waiver. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to approve this waiver request. (3-0)
2. SALDO 92-8.E, 92-14.J, 98-61.A(6) & (8) – Stormwater Controls (North of Rte 209) This is being requested to eliminate the SALDO requirement to provide a complete stormwater analysis and stormwater controls for the proposed improvements to the Northern side of SR209 and for the proposed HOP improvements associated with Lot #4. Since these proposed improvements are minimal in nature (shoulder widening & driveway relocation work) we feel the waiver request is justified in this circumstance. Engineer McDermott recommended the Board approve this waiver. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to approve this waiver request. (3-0)

It was also noted that the responsibility of the drainage issues be spelled out in the developer's agreement, and that the dumpster area be well lit. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to table this plan tonight. (3-0)(**SEO: updated module received, testing is complete**)(waiver until 10/15/10 on both plans)

**Planning Module Tractor Supply.** On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to conditionally approve this planning module subject to SEO Helen Beers approval that the Module is complete. (3-0) Res. 2010-9.

**Kal-Tac Inc.** (Land Development Plan/Reverse Subdivision Plan) Effort Associates. It was asked via phone that this plan be tabled tonight. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to table this plan. (3-0) (Plan date 8/2003) (**open ended waiver**)

**Herfurth, Louis & Carol.** (**Minor Subdivision**) Effort Associates. This was a courtesy review of this plan as the majority of the plan is in Polk Township. Engineer McDermott reviewed this plan and recommended it be approved. A waiver was requested from SALDO on having a formal review of this plan. On motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to approve this waiver request. (3-0) on motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to approve this plan. (3-0)(**90-day review ends 11/18/10**)

**Pleasant Valley Assembly of God.** (Prelim/Final Plan) Niclaus Engineering. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to table this plan. (3-0) (Plan date April 1, 2008) (**open ended waiver**)

**The Kinsley Group Family Limited Partnership. (Final LDP)** Niclaus Engineering It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to table this plan. (3-0) (Plan date 5/4/10) (**waiver until 12/21/10**) (Rev. 6/17/10)

**Green, William III** (Minor Subdivision) George Collura, PLS. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to table this plan. (3-0) (Plan date 9/30/09) (**open ended waiver**) (**SEO: reserve area testing complete. No module required**)

**Heller, Larry & Kathleen.** (Minor Subdivision) Brian Courtright. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to table this plan. (3-0) (Plan date 12/18/08) (**open ended waiver 12/2/09**)

**Christman, Mary Estate (formerly Hottenstein, Ester Estate)** Frank Smith Surveying. Engineer McDermott said everything was in order. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to conditionally approve this plan subject to receiving all outstanding fees. (3-0) (Plan date 10/17/06) (Received 10/31/06) (Accepted 11/15/06) (**open ended waiver 1/26/07**) (Rev. 1/8/07, 2/2/07, 3/2/10, and 7/8/10) (**SEO: planning module has been reviewed and is ready for signatures.**)

**Mountain Crest Plaza. Request to release bond.** A request from Salvatore Modica was received to release his bond. Engineer McDermott's letter dated 9/7/10 was reviewed and he suggested we release \$400,234.00 and retain \$1,320.00 for replacement of approximately 25 shrubs and re-establish some grass. On motion made by Chuck Gould, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to release \$400,234.00. (3-0)

**Planning Module Approval.**

**Heller, Larry & Kathleen.** It was asked to table this planning module tonight. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to table this module tonight. (3-0)

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, on motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Martinelli  
Recording Secretary